

## **CITY OF VERONA**

### **MINUTES**

### **PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016**

1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Jon Turke at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Jon Turke, Heather Reekie, Brad Stiner, Mark Giesfeldt. Excused: Paul Schmidt. Also present: Dave Walker, Parks Director; Sarah McDonald, MSA Professional Services; Andrew Bremer, MSA Professional Services; Samantha Christian, Unified Newspaper.
3. Moved by Giesfeldt, seconded by Stiner, to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2016 meeting of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. Motion carried 4-0.
4. The Commission reviewed the final plat for Kettle Creek North. Changes from the preliminary plat included the park being enlarged by approximately one acre and the path corridor north of the Country View Elementary being removed. These were consistent with what was discussed at the June meeting and the Commission had no further issues or changes with the plat.
5. Moved by Giesfeldt, seconded by Turke, to approve the final plat for Kettle Creek North. Motion carried 4-0.
6. The Park Commission reviewed the draft Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) prepared by MSA Professional Services. Andrew Bremer from MSA presented the plan and went through the highlights with the Commission. The final draft will be presented for approval at the August meeting.
7. Sarah McDonald from MSA presented three options for Fireman's Park improvements that included additional lands, a splash pad, larger parking area, and a new beach house all in slightly different configurations. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of each option and ultimately decided on a blend of a couple different options. A final plan will be drafted for presentation at the August meeting.
8. The Commission considered participating with VASD in an aquatic center study to be incorporated into the new high school campus. The study was solicited by the school district and will look at aquatic needs of the district as well as how a facility might serve the surrounding community. The City had budgeted \$15,000 in 2015 for the same type of aquatic center study which was not completed and the Commission agreed that collaboration with the school district would be a good idea and the results of the study could potentially provide a win-win for all residents.
9. Moved by Turke, seconded by Reekie, to recommend participation in an aquatic center study with the Verona Area School District in the amount of \$15,000. Motion carried 4-0
10. Moved by Turke, seconded by Giesfeldt, to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Time 9:00 p.m.

Jon Turke  
Chairperson